

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 806 - HB 1871

April 1, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that county health departments with dental staffs and clinical facilities are not relieved of the obligation to occasionally provide indigent adult patients with proper emergency services because the phrase, "to the extent possible within budget limitations," is included in Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-1-304(b). Authorizes the reduction of state funding or exclusion from participation in state administered programs if the metropolitan or county health departments or the Department of Health fail to comply with the provisions of the law.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the Department of Health has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.

Assumption:

- Current law requires the county health departments with dental facilities to provide emergency dental services to indigent adults. It is assumed that only a few facilities would turn adults with emergency dental needs away without providing services. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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